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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

**AN ACT MERGING THE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY BOARD
WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 13b-57e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

3 (a) There is established the Connecticut Transportation Strategy
4 Board, within the [Office of Policy and Management for administrative
5 purposes only] Department of Transportation. On and after July 1,
6 2011, the members of [which] the board shall be appointed as follows:

7 (1) Five members from the private sector who have expertise in
8 transportation, business, finance or law as follows: (A) The Governor
9 shall appoint one member, who shall be the chairperson, and whose
10 first term shall expire on June 30, [2005] 2015, (B) the president pro
11 tempore of the Senate shall appoint one member whose first term shall
12 expire on June 30, [2004] 2014, (C) the speaker of the House of
13 Representatives shall appoint one member whose first term shall
14 expire on June 30, [2003] 2013, (D) the minority leader of the Senate
15 shall appoint one member whose first term shall expire on June 30,

16 [2003] 2013, and (E) the minority leader of the House of
17 Representatives shall appoint one member whose first term shall
18 expire on June 30, [2002] 2012;

19 (2) One member from each TIA, for which position the chairpersons
20 of the board of the local planning agencies in such TIA, after
21 consulting with the participants in such TIA, shall nominate, for
22 consideration by the appointing authority, three individuals who live
23 in such TIA and who have significant experience in and knowledge of
24 local, regional and state governmental processes, including at least one
25 chief elected official in a town in such TIA. If the chairpersons of the
26 board of the local planning agencies in such TIA fail to nominate three
27 qualifying individuals within one hundred eighty days of the
28 expiration of the previous appointment term, the appointing authority
29 may appoint an individual meeting the qualifications of this
30 subdivision. Appointments shall be made as follows: (A) The
31 chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
32 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation shall appoint
33 one member from the southeast corridor TIA, whose first term shall
34 expire on June 30, [2002] 2012, (B) the president pro tempore of the
35 Senate shall appoint one member from the [I-91] I-84 corridor TIA,
36 whose first term shall expire on June 30, [2003] 2013, [provided, on and
37 after July 1, 2006, subsequent appointments shall be from the I-84
38 corridor TIA,] (C) the speaker of the House of Representatives shall
39 appoint one member from the coastal corridor TIA, whose first term
40 shall expire on June 30, [2004] 2014, (D) the majority leader of the
41 Senate shall appoint one member from the I-395 corridor TIA, whose
42 first term shall expire on June 30, [2005] 2015, and (E) the majority
43 leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from
44 the [I-84] I-95 corridor TIA, whose first term shall expire on June 30,
45 [2005] 2015; [provided, on and after July 1, 2006, subsequent
46 appointments shall be from the I-91 corridor TIA;] and

47 (3) The Commissioners of Transportation, Environmental
48 Protection, Economic and Community Development and Public Safety,

49 and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or their
50 respective designees.

51 (b) Upon the expiration of the term of a member of the board who is
52 appointed as provided in subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this
53 section, each subsequent appointee to the board shall serve for a term
54 of four years. No person shall serve as a member of the board for more
55 than two consecutive terms. A vacancy in the position of an appointed
56 board member shall be filled by the appointing authority for the
57 remainder of the term.

58 (c) The board may establish such subcommittees as it deems
59 appropriate and appoint the members of such subcommittees from
60 among its members. Ten members of the board, at least three of whom
61 shall be members pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this
62 section, shall be present to constitute a quorum.

63 (d) The members of the board shall not be compensated for their
64 service as members of the board.

65 (e) The board may issue guidelines for coordination and
66 organization to the TIAs. These guidelines shall not constitute
67 regulations, as defined in subdivision (13) of section 4-166.

68 [(f) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall be
69 responsible for staff support for the board. The secretary may utilize
70 the staff of said office and, in consultation with the responsible agency
71 head, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Economic
72 and Community Development, or any other state agency for that
73 purpose. Within available appropriations, the board may hire
74 consultants with approval by the secretary, and such consultants shall
75 be procured through the Office of Policy and Management or the
76 Department of Transportation, as determined by the secretary.

77 (g) The Transportation Strategy Board is a public agency, as defined
78 in section 1-200, for purposes of the Freedom of Information Act, and

79 is a quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-79, for purposes of
80 chapter 10.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	13b-57e
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Statement of Purpose:

To merge the Transportation Strategy Board with the Department of Transportation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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